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March 22, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 – The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Houston, MS – Chickasaw County Justice Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Chickasaw County, located at 1 Pinson Place, Houston MS 38851.

This would be a good use of taxpayer funds due to the public safety nexus and the community impact. The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of the Chickasaw County Justice Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in Chickasaw County like many areas of rural America, municipalities do not have the resources/tax base to fund many capital projects that are integral to running government service. If this courthouse went out of service, many essential community services would not have headquarters. Recently, a large furniture manufacture left which has impacted tax revenue. Funding would be a great boost to the county therefore to Mississippi 1st Congressional district.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trent Kelly'.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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